MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI: (*Ambalapuzha*): For the information of the House, I shall—

PRESIDENT: You are not in possession of the House, and so you cannot give your opinion.

MR. JOSEPH PANJIKARAN (*Shertallai*): Is it lawful for the officer to get some remuneration for attesting affidavits?

MR. V. SUBBA AIYAR (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*): I do not think—

MR. JOSEPH PANJIKARAN (*Shertallai*): What I ask is, is there any statutory duty on any officer that he should attest affidavits? Is it now lawful on his part to claim some remuneration for attesting affidavits?

MR. V. SUBBA AIYAR (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*): People other than officers may attest it. Officers in the headquarters will be in a position to attest affidavits.

MR. JOSEPH PANJIKARAN (*Shertallai*): Is there any Regulation or rule by statute?

PRESIDENT: That is his opinion.

MR. T. K. VELU PILLAI (*Trivandrum* cum *Nedumangad*): Is Mr. Subba Aiyar aware that the present *Civil Courts' Guide* imposes certain duties on His Highness the Maha Raja? (*Laughter.*)

MR. V. SUBBA AIYAR (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*): I am not aware of that.

MR. T. K. VELU PILLAI (*Trivandrum* cum *Nedumangad*) Does not the *Civil Courts' Guide* use the expression "His Highness the Maha Raja shall appoint the Judges"? (*Laughter.*)

PRESIDENT: I shall put this resolution to the vote of the House.

The resolution was put to the vote and was carried, 24 voting *for* and 15 *against*.

PRESIDENT: The next resolution is in the name of Mr. Tariatu Kunjitomman and runs as follows:

"Appointment of a Committee to Enquire into the Conduct of Government Officers.

MR. TARIATU KUNJITOMMAN:

This Council recommends to the Government that a Committee consisting of a non-official majority be appointed to enquire whether officers are causing hardships to the people by taking bribes or showing communal partiality in the discharge of their official duties and, if so, to propose the necessary remedial measures."

This should be deemed to have been withdrawn since he is absent.

The Council adjourned at 5-24 P. M. *sine die*.

S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR,
Secretary to the Legislative Council.

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